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EVALUATION see below PLACE OBTAINED [redacted] 25X1CDATE OF CONTENT 21 to 25 February 1953DATE OBTAINED [redacted] 25X1C DATE PREPARED 18 March 1953

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1. On 24 February 1953, about 30 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets were observed engaged in leveling work and staking off work for the construction of further ware houses south of clothing depot No I on Weissenseer Strasse, Bernau. In addition to the existing 7 sheds, 4 other sheds, 30 x 8 meters, were erected with the side walls about 1 meter above the ground and three side walls having earth mounds.

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2. On 24 February, about 250 soldiers which source thought were recruits were observed drilling and about 72 soldiers engaged in service of the piece drill on 12 AT guns in the area of the Luftnachrichten Kaserne north of Schoenauer Strasse. A small column of new vehicles each occupied by 8 to 15 soldiers left the installation toward Schoenow.

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3. On 24 February, six canvas-covered artillery pieces were noticed in the area of the SS Brieftaubenstation in Rutenfeld. About 150 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery insignia were seen engaged in drilling and athletics at the training field.

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4. Officer names identified in clothing depot No I in February 1953 included Zagrebniyev (fnu), supply officer; Lieutenant Levchenko, deputy of Zagrebniyev; Colonel Zdorr (fnu), supply officer; and Lieutenant Colonel Zubov (fnu), supply officer.
5. From 21 to 25 February, a large portion of the Luftnachrichten Kaserne was occupied. The barracks building were 40 to 50 percent lighted at dusk. At 11 a.m. on 24 February, about 60 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying carbines, light machine guns, submachine guns and 3 or 4 practice targets left the installation toward northwest.

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On 25 February, a truck occupied by about 10 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and towing a 57-mm AT gun was seen coming from Schoenower Strasse and proceeding on the autobahn northward.

6. On 23 February, clothing depot No I was about 30 percent lighted at dusk. On 25 February, four bunkers, about 20 x 3.5 meters, were noticed south of the motor vehicle repair shops northwest of the garages. A total of 25 trucks and 5 x 76-mm AT guns were seen in a garage and about 150 trucks outside the garages.
7. A local resident stated that, all day long on 21 February, many guns and trucks were loaded at the Bernau freight station.

1. Comment. Another source reported that the Luftnachrichten Kaserne and clothing depot No I were only partly occupied on 21 February. This resulted from exercises which units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army held in the area northeast of Rathenow from 17 to 20 February. Several reports indicated that the units of the unidentified army artillery brigade of the army returned to clothing depot No I on 22 February. It is therefore believed that the units of the 6th Gds Mecz Div which had also participated in these exercises had returned and that the afore mentioned installations were occupied to capacity on and after 23 and 24 February. The statement on the lighting of the installation as contained in paragraph 5 is received with reserve. It is believed that, on 21 February, detraining operations rather than entraining operations of the afore mentioned units took place in Bernau. It is believed that supply officer Zagrebniw (fnu) is Lieutenant Colonel Zakrevnov (fnu), supply officer of the afore mentioned brigade, who was reported by the same source. Lieutenant Colonel Zubov (fnu) is also known.

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